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# Constitution

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## ARTICLE I.

### *Name*

The Society shall be known by the name and title of "The National Society of the Colonial Daughters of America."

## ARTICLE II.

### *Object*

The object of the National Society of the Colonial Daughters of America is to perpetuate in enduring form the memory of the women of the Colonial period from 1607 to 1776, the noble women who established homes, founded families, introduced refinement and culture, and made sound morals permanent occupants of our country.

It shall be a regulation that members of the National Society of the Colonial Daughters of America, when practicable, shall celebrate events of Colonial history relating to women. They shall

in every way foster the desire, now more prevalent among women of intellectuality and refinement, to do honor and justice to deeds of women.

### ARTICLE III.

#### *Membership*

An applicant, to be eligible to membership, must have been invited and proposed by one member, and seconded by another member of the Society, to whom she is well known. She must have attained her sixteenth year; must be of good moral character and standing, and must be acceptable to the Society. She must furnish written proofs of her Colonial descent from an ancestor who served in any of the battles under Colonial authority, or who filled the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, member or delegate to Council or Assembly, or member of House of Burgesses, or who served as Military Officer or Naval Marine Officer in the service of the Colonies, or under the Banner of Great Britain in North America in the wars in which said Colonies participated, or who fur-

nished troops or funds; or her descent from the Historic Founders (1606 to 1616) of the first English Colony at Jamestown; or from Incorporators named in the Royal Charters; or the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity; or the Commissary of any of the Bishops of London, the trustees of William and Mary College designated in Royal Charter of 1693, who resided in America, or from the Presidents and Rectors of that College; or members of the Committee of Safety of the Continental Congress of 1774, 1775 and 1776; or signers of the Declaration of Independence; or Colonists and officials in other Colonies or States of equivalent rank with the above.

Members-at-large shall be members of the National Society.

Members in good standing who wish to be transferred from one chapter to another, or from a chapter to membership-at-large, may do so by making formal application to proper officials for said transfer.

## ARTICLE IV.

### *Officers*

The officers of this Society shall be Honorary President General, President General, Vice Presidents General, Chairman General, Secretary General, Treasurer General, Registrar General, National Organizing Regent, Historian General, Librarian General, Curator General and Asistant Curator General.

These officers shall be elected at an Annual Meeting to serve two years, and are eligible to re-election, but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

The President General automatically becomes an Honorary President General at the expiration of her term, and, as such, is a permanent officer.

A Parliamentarian General shall be appointed by the National Executive Board to serve five years.

## ARTICLE V.

### *Government*

The government of this Society shall be vested in a National Executive

Board, which shall consist of the National Officers, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The National Executive Board shall have full and final power to pass upon any measure, their favorable action making it a law; or to revoke any measure when, in its opinion, such measure shall be proven detrimental to the best interests of the Society.

The National Executive Board shall fill any vacancy occurring in its membership, for the unexpired term, except the office of the Honorary President General.

The National Officers, State Regents, National Chairmen and Parliamentarian General shall constitute the National Advisory Board. The duties of said Board shall be to introduce new measures and have same voted upon at the annual meetings, and to extend the membership of the Society in co-operation with the National Organizing Regent. New measures to come up for consideration at the annual meeting must be submitted in writing to the

National Executive Board thirty days prior to said meeting.

The name of the National Society of the Colonial Daughters of America may not be used by any member for any purpose whatsoever without authorization from the National Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VI

### *Meetings and Elections*

The Annual meeting shall be held in May, due notice of same to be issued by the Secretary General.

State Regents and Chapter Regents shall be delegates to the Annual meeting, each Chapter in a state being entitled to one additional delegate for every thirty members.

Special meetings may be called by the President General or the National Executive Board.

The National Executive Board shall constitute a Nominating Committee. They shall place in nomination, sixty days prior to the Annual meeting, names for all offices to be filled.

## By-Laws

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### *Dues*

The initiation fee shall be five Dollars, and the annual dues Two Dollars. Payment at any one time of One Hundred Dollars shall entitle the member so paying to Hereditary Life membership; Life Membership, Twenty-five Dollars. If any member refuses, or neglects to pay her dues for two consecutive years, her name may be stricken from the roll of membership.

A member in good and regular standing may resign, provided that a receipt for dues to date accompanies the resignation.

Any member of the National Society may be requested to resign by the Secretary General at the direction of the National Executive Board; or any member of a State Chapter may be requested to resign by State Regent for

speech or action detrimental to the interests of the Society.

Authority to organize State Societies and Chapters may be obtained from the National Executive Board. The surrender of a State Charter or of a Chapter may be demanded should such action be deemed necessary for the welfare of the Society; this to be decided by the General Assembly at Annual Meeting. Pending such decision, the National Executive Board may suspend a State Society or a Chapter.

A State Society or Chapter may be ordered disbanded by the National Executive Board when, in the judgment of the Board, either body has jeopardized the standing, dignity or reputation of the National Society of the Colonial Daughters of America.

### *Duties of Officers*

The Honorary President General shall attain this distinction by virtue of having served the Society as President General. She shall serve as a member of the National Executive Board.



The President General shall preside at the General Assembly or Annual Meetings, also at all meetings of the National Executive Board. In her absence the next in rank shall preside.

The Vice Presidents General shall co-operate with the National Officers.

The Treasurer General shall collect and keep the funds of the National Society of the Colonial Daughters of America on deposit in bank to the credit of the National Society of the Colonial Daughters of America. Such funds shall be withdrawn on the check of the Treasurer General.

In the event of the continued absence or disability of the Treasurer General, the President General shall assume the duties of said office with full power to act.

The Secretary General shall conduct the correspondence, keep records, seal, official papers, and affix seal to every certificate of membership. She shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Society.

The Registrar General shall issue all

lineage blanks and examine all lineage papers, and, in connection with the National Executive Board shall pass upon and decide as to validity of claims to eligibility. She shall issue permits for Insignia and additional Ancestral bars, and shall hold all lineage papers as the property of the National Society of the Colonial Daughters of America.

The National Organizing Regent shall organize State Societies and Chapters under the direction and approval of the National Executive Board.

The Chairman General shall co-operate with the other members of the National Executive Board.

The Historian General shall keep a record of notable Colonial celebrations.

The Librarian General shall perform such duties as are usual and customary to the office.

The Curator General shall accumulate relics and documents pertaining to the Colonial period, holding same in

the name of the National Society of the Colonial Daughters of America.

The Assistant Curator General shall assist the Curator General.

The Parliamentarian General shall co-operate with the National and State officers to the end that the affairs of the Society shall be conducted with due regard to parliamentary procedure.

A National or State Officer may not hold more than two offices.

### *Amendments*

No alterations or amendments in the Constitution or By-Laws may be made without the consent of the President General and a majority of the National Executive Board.

## *Order of Business*

1. Meeting called to order by presiding officer.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reports of officers.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Reception of new members.
8. Adjournment.

## National Officers

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Honorary President General,

MISS MARY FLORENCE TANEY,

309 East Third St., Covington, Ky.

President General,

MRS. LAWRENCE MAXWELL,

Edgecliffe Road, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.

Secretary General,

MISS FLORENCE MAY WASHINGTON,

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Registrar General,

MRS. GEORGENA HODGE BAILEY,

231 Monmouth St., Newport, Ky.

National Organizing Regent,

MISS GRACE MARIE CHEEVER,

28 South Warwick Apts., Cincinnati, O.

Vice-Presidents General,

MRS. CHARLES A. PAULY,

662 Forest Ave., Cincinnati, O.

MRS. RICHARD CLOUGH THOMPSON,

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MRS. WILLIAM PRICE,

215 S. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.

MRS. CHARLES R. WHITAKER,

443 Fourth Ave., N., St. Petersburg, Fla.

MRS. THOMAS F. CALLAHAN,  
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Chairman General,  
MISS ANNA TAYLOR HODGE,  
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Treasurer General,  
MISS MARY FLORENCE TANEY,  
309 East Third St., Covington, Ky.

Historian General,  
MRS. THOMAS P. CAROTHERS,  
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Librarian General,  
MRS. JOHN S. CONNER,  
Burnet House, Cincinnati, O.

Curator General,  
MRS. JAMES CLARK FISHER,  
Reedville, Va.

Assistant Curator General,  
MRS. J. C. DeMOSS,  
561 East Fourth St., Newport, Ky.

Parliamentarian General,  
MRS. WILMER H. CRAWFORD,  
2938 Vernon Place., Cincinnati, O.

National Chairman of Patriotic Work,  
MRS. J. B. FORAKER,  
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National Chairman of Program Committee,  
MRS. ALICE HARDEMAN DU LANEY,  
Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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MRS. CHARLES A. PAULY,

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1372 Riverside Drive, New York City.

MRS. LUCILE TAPPAN MORELAND,

Kansas City, Mo.

MRS. WILLIAM T. EATON,

St. Petersburg, Fla.

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## In Memoriam

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MRS. JOHN BARRY TAYLOR (Betty Washington), First President General, 1907.

MRS. THOMAS WHITE HARDEMAN (Elizabeth Taney), First Historial General, 1907.

MRS. WILLIAM W. TRIMBLE (Mary Barlow), First Vice Regent, 1907.

MRS. SALLIE E. MORRIS, Second Vice Regent, 1907.

MRS. MATTIE BRUCE REYNOLLS, Third Vice Regent, 1907.

MRS. LEWIS E. CASEY, Fourth Vice Regent, 1907.

















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